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Title: Need to impress upon the Government of Karnataka to send the project proposal for development of tourism infrastructure in Chamarajanagar, Karnataka.

SHRI R. DHRUVANARAYANA (CHAMRAJANAGAR): I would like to draw the attention of the Government about the steps to be taken to sanction more Eco-tourism projects to my parliamentary constituency as 50 per cent of the Chamarajnagar district area is covered by the forest, hill stations and water falls to tap the tourism potential. In view of growing demands from the constituency people and tourists to develop the hill stations and waterfalls, I would earnestly appeal the Tourism Ministry to sanction more projects under centrally sponsored scheme to tap Eco-tourism potential of the district. The Government has sanctioned only one project under the centrally sponsored scheme and allocated Rs.4.31 crores to develop the Bhara chukki falls in Chamarajnagar district. Of the allocated Rs.4.31 crores, Rs.140 lakhs had been released in phased manner to take up the development of Bhara chukki falls. It was impossible to complete the proposed development works of Bhara chukki falls in stipulated period of time if the Government continued to release the funds in phased manner. Meanwhile, a letter communicated to me from the Ministry of Tourism says that the Government of Karnataka had neither sent the project proposal for development of tourism infrastructure in Chamarajnagar nor brought up any proposal at the time of prioritization meeting for the year 2010-11. Hence I would like to urge the Government to impress upon the Government of Karnataka to send the detailed project report for development of Chamarajnagar in accordance with the scheme guidelines of the tourism ministry to tap the Eco-tourism potential of the district.